

**GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO.2**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

**TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2003**

**QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**1 The Hon Patricia Forsythe asked Mr K M Brown, Director -General of the Department of Gaming and Racing:**

On what date did the former Minister, the Honourable J Richard Face cease to use the department's email system? (Hansard p1)

**ANSWER**

On 12 February 2003, the former Minister for Gaming and Racing's user access to the Department's email system was removed.

Records indicate the former Minister has never accessed his assigned email facilities.

**2 The Hon Patricia Forsythe asked Mr K M Brown, Director -General of the Department of Gaming and Racing:**

Who was present at a meeting with the former Minister and Mr McBride on 15 May 2003 regarding the surf life saving movement? (Hansard p1)

**ANSWER**

At a meeting held on 15 May 2003 in regard to the surf life saving movement, the following people were present:

Grant McBride, MP	Minister for Gaming and Racing
Daniel Cook	Snr Policy Adviser - Office of the Minister for Gaming and Racing
Ken Brown	Director-General, Department of Gaming and Racing
Phillip Vanny	CEO, Surf Life Saving (NSW)
Brett Harrod	Deputy President, Surf Life Saving (NSW)
Rhonda Scruton	CEO, Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc
Peter James	CEO, Surf Life Saving Central Coast Inc
The Honourable J Richard Face	– in an honorary capacity as a representative of Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc.

**3 The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans asked Mr K M Brown, Director -General of the Department of Gaming and Racing:**

- (a) How many hotels have applied for economic hardship exemptions under provisions of the *Gaming Machines Amendment (Shutdown Periods) Act*? (Hansard p5)
- (b) How many have been exempted in relation to the shutdown periods? (p5)
- (c) Were those hardships only for clubs that were in real difficulty or was it just that there was some loss of profit during those times? (p5)

**ANSWER**

- (a) The *Gaming Machines Amendment (Shutdown Periods) Act 2003* has not yet commenced. It is due to commence on 1 December 2003.
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A

**4 The Hon Patricia Forsythe asked Mr K M Brown, Director -General of the Department of Gaming and Racing:**

What was the figure or percentage increase of the recent ministerial staff pay increase? (Hansard p8)

**ANSWER**

On 11 November 2003 the Department received advice from the Premier's Department Ministerial and Parliamentary Services to the effect that approval was given to host agencies to pay " ... the July 2003 5% A&C increase to relevant Ministers' staff with effect from 4 July 2003."